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Philippines*: draft resolution

Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 49/122 of 19 December 1994 on the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,

Recalling also its resolution 49/100 of 19 December 1994 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

Reaffirming that, because the development options of small island developing States are limited, there are special challenges to devising and implementing sustainable development plans, and that those States will be constrained in meeting such challenges without the cooperation of the international community,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General 1/ on action taken by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; 2/

2. Takes note of the establishment of the Small Island Developing States Unit within the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to maintain its level of staffing and its structure and organization in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/122;

3. Commends the Department for action taken in support of the system-wide implementation of the Programme of Action;

4. Welcomes the action taken to enable the regional commissions to support activities to coordinate the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

5. Takes note of the interim measures instituted to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to enable it to complement the functions of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development with respect to the implementation of the Programme of Action, and requests the Secretary-General to implement fully the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 49/122;

6. Calls upon Governments, as well as organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to continue to implement fully all commitments reached and recommendations made at the Conference and to take the action necessary for effective follow-up to the Programme of Action, including ensuring the provision of the means of implementation under chapter XV thereof;

7. Welcomes, in particular, the progress made by the United Nations Development Programme in implementing General Assembly resolution 49/122, and invites the Programme to continue to implement fully the provisions of the technical assistance programme, including the compilation of a directory of institutions and scholars with recognized expertise in the sustainable development of small island developing States, and the information network for small island developing States;

1/ A/50/422 and Add.1.

2/ Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994 (United Nations publication Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

8. Takes note of the action taken by the Commission on Sustainable Development 3/ in following up the implementation of the Programme of Action in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/122 and the Programme of Action, and invites the Commission at its fourth session to give due attention to small island developing States in the national presentations on coastal zone management;

9. Notes the initial action taken by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development in preparation for the high-level panel to discuss the challenges faced by island developing countries, particularly in the area of external trade, and invites them to complete the arrangements in time for the fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and to make the report of the panel available to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its ninth session;

10. Requests the Secretary-General, in keeping with paragraphs 113 and 114 of the Programme of Action, to provide for the early development and compilation of a vulnerability index for small island developing States, through the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and calls upon the Commission on Sustainable Development to make adequate provisions for the examination of such an index at the earliest possible time;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the programmes and projects for the sustainable development of small island developing States implemented in response to the Programme of Action, as well as programmes and projects under implementation and plans, programmes and projects envisaged up to five years after the date of the report;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States";

13. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report on action taken to implement the present resolution.

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 12 (E/1995/32).